

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Montgomery Field Terminal Building**  
*Meeting of February 10, 2009*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group).

**MEMBERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Lisa Golden

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Buzz Gibbs

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Tussey, Wayne Reiter, Christian Anderson, Robert Zolezzi, Clay Welch, Chris Cooper

**GUESTS:** Al Boyce, Vic Moore, Harry Kelly, Chris Popov, Tom Ricotta, Nici Boon, Rick Beach, Kristin Camper

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:04. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 13, 2008 regular meeting were approved as written. All members present, voted unanimously for the approval.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Tom Ricotta spoke about the upcoming "Challenge Air" event scheduled to occur on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Brown Field Airport. Tom stated there are already 143 children signed up and encouraged those pilots who wish to donate their time and aircraft to contact him.

**4. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT**

Deputy Director Tussey recognized Jim Aldrich for his efforts to organize a meeting to address issues associated with long term leases on Flattop, Marigold issues. Bob Hitchcock was also recognized for his excellent article in the EAA newsletter about the upcoming Capital Improvement Projects at Brown Field.

#### **4. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT** *(cont'd)*

Regarding Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF), Mike Tussey explained the airport's incident response procedure that is based on a Letter of Authorization (LOA) between the City and the airport control tower. The LOA outlines response objectives, how to meet those objectives and in what order those objectives should occur. Last year, the fire department had an average response time of 12 min. 19 sec. for SDM and 10 min. 36 sec. for MYF.

Tom Dray reported that the FSS (Flight Service Station) antenna array has been relocated adjacent to the Julian VOR just north of the town of Julian. This should improve reception as it is much higher than the old location at Montgomery.

Airport Manager Ernie Gesell reported that the core plugs in 28R were experiencing accelerated deterioration and will need to be replaced. Additionally 28R is continuing to deteriorate and the airports may look into accessing additional funding from the GRC in order to make necessary repairs. The NBAA Light Jet conference scheduled to show in March at Montgomery has been canceled for unknown reasons.

Airport Manager Wayne Reiter reported that the 26L rehab and airfield electrical projects should be underway prior to the next AAC meeting. Additionally Red Bull staff contacted the airport staff and expressed a desire to have Brown Field considered as an alternate base of operations for the May 9th – 10<sup>th</sup> air races should the Navy decline the use of North Island air field.

Airport Development Coordinator Anderson reported that the closing date for the RFP for the 10.7-acre parcel at the west end of Brown Field has been extended to April 17, 2009 in an effort to have all existing tenants vacated prior to the closing date. Bob Hitchcock voiced some concerns about what would be offered to the EAA when DPC commences construction on the new airport entrance effectively cutting into the EAA leasehold. Christian stated this was an issue that will need to be worked out between the EAA and DPC

City Attorney Clay Welch stated that the ROE "occupants" have been given a final written as well as verbal notice of eviction stating that all leaseholds will need to be vacated no later than March 13, 2009.

Robert Zolezzi reported that a grant application has been submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management board seeking financial assistance for the removal of the remaining 12,000 cubic yards of gypsum at Brown Field.

Mike Tussey elaborated upon the following:

##### **Brown Field Capital Projects**

- Electrical Upgrade II/III: Notice to proceed has been issued and work should begin at the beginning of March.
- Master Plan: Draft ALP will be taken to the FAA on February 17, 2009 for review.
- GRC: Rwy 8R/26L partial rehab and extension to commence late February
- Potential grant \$211,145 for \$450,000 Brown Field Perimeter Fencing Phase II, bid opening will be on February 13, 2009FY 2010 programmed grant \$3,000,000: Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design I & II and Construction, Phase I

#### **4. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT** *(Cont'd)*

##### **Montgomery Field Capital Projects**

- Composition of Rwy 5/23 Rehab Design: Approved on January 30 and a design firm has been selected.
- Environmental Constraints Analysis: City Review/USF&W/Federal Court
- Vernal Pool Restoration: Monitoring in Progress
- Rwy 10L/28R design at 35%, now with estimated 1 month closure, May-June 2010.
- FY 2010 programmed grant \$3,750,000: Rwy 5/23 construction project

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

AAC goals for 2009: There was discussion about what the goals should be for the AAC and airports and how best to approach those goals. There was a general agreement that the AAC could not and should not dictate what the goals for the airports should be but rather encourage and support the airports on decisions. One goal that was agreed upon was that both groups should pursue community outreach and encourage a positive public perception of airports and aviation.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Rich Martindell spoke of the NPRM that the TSA was proposing for aircraft over 12,500lbs and how it would impact aircraft and airport operators alike. If passed the new rule would burden small aircraft operators and small general aviation airports with the cost and inconvenience of security measures similar to large part 121 airports. Rich stated that the process was still open for input and comments and encouraged users to voice their opinion through the NBAA and AOPA websites.

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ellen Ricotta mother of Tom and Lance Ricotta and one of the main faces for many years behind the desk at Lancair/San Diego Jet Center, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2009.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The date of the next AAC meeting will be March 10, 2009 at the Montgomery Field Terminal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cooper